

# District of Columbia Health Information Exchange Policy Board Meeting

### **Board Chair Report of the Sustainability Subcommittee**

Thursday, June 9, 2016 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

#### **Board Members:**

**Members present (5)**: Scott Afzal (CRISP); Andersen Andrews (DOH); Chris Botts (DHCF); LaQuandra Nesbitt (DOH); Justin Palmer (DCHA)

Members present via teleconference (3): Donna Ramos-Johnson (DCPCA); Alison Rein (Chair, AcademyHealth); Pete Stoessel (AmeriHealth)

Members absent (1): Claudia Schlosberg (DHCF)

Non-members present (2): Kory Mertz (CRISP); Jordan Cooper (DHCF)

#### **AGENDA**

#### **Recruitment of New Members:**

- The Subcommittee discussed the current composition of the Subcommittee, and some expressed an opinion that it would benefit from the addition of a neutral (academic) member with expertise in economics and/or finance.
- The Subcommittee also noted that not all pertinent stakeholders necessarily need to engage directly, since it will report back up to the full Policy Board which has a broader representation of stakeholders.
- A few members expressed the need to include other HIE "end-user" representatives on the Subcommittee, (e.g. independently practicing physician that has previously had difficulty connecting to an HIE).
- Members agreed to have guest presenters at future meetings to ensure that the Subcommittee can benefit from more diverse perspectives without expanding membership of the Subcommittee.

## **Review Subcommittee Mission and Draft Charter**

#### **Governance:**

- The Subcommittee approved the draft Charter.
- Per Board Bylaws, the full HIE Policy Board will determine the frequency of Subcommittee meetings, though the Subcommittee is free to make recommendations on this issue. It is

	recommended that the full Board consider the appropriate frequency of Subcommittee meetings
	at the next full Board meeting.
Funding Models:	
Establish Subcommittee's Approach to HIE Sustainability	<ul> <li>Substantial discussion centered around the topic of funding mechanisms. One member cautioned against relying too-heavily upon Medicaid funding requirements, noting that the District ought to focus more on multi-payer solutions to achieve long-term sustainability. There was consensus among the members that Designated HIEs should add value for both public and private payers.</li> <li>The Subcommittee was reminded that HITECH IAPD funds, which are available through 2021, are meant for design, development, and implementation, but are not meant to sustain the HIE in perpetuity. One member did note that some states have tied the ongoing sustainability of certain HIE functionality to their MMIS system, which allows for a 75/25 match in perpetuity. Overall, there was consensus that the District would need to identify non-Medicaid-related revenue sources to sustain future HIE operations.</li> <li>The Subcommittee expressed its interest in delving deeper into the costs associated with creating a high-value HIE and using those figures to drive future conversations about funding sources, which will be affected by the amount of funds that will be required to build sustainable HIE infrastructure in the District.</li> <li>Subcommittee members also expressed a need to better understand and map the existing HIE infrastructure in the District, the data flows involved, and current use-cases compared to those</li> </ul>
	envisioned or desired in a future state.
	Strategy:
Discuss Key Questions for HIE Sustainability	<ul> <li>Members engaged in a discussion over the extent to which the District should be prescriptive in its HIE Designation requirements versus broader in setting parameters and goals, allowing market forces to drive HIE practices in a manner that will result in a product and service that is valued by payers and providers. This discussion was not resolved and will continue to guide future Subcommittee discussions.</li> </ul>
	HIE Landscape:
	<ul> <li>Members agreed that future discussion will need to review different HIE models have been built around nation so that the District can build upon and tailor other HIE models to fit the particular needs found within the District.</li> <li>Members agreed that HIEs will be most successful once they have achieved a critical mass of users and therefore efforts should be made to build upon the current HIEs that exist in the District, which requires further investigation as noted above.</li> </ul>